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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hugh R. Sharkey et al.
Serial No. : 10/712,007
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Title : METHOD FOR TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

Art Unit : Unknown
Examiner : Unknown

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Total Claims	383	-	377	=	6	\$300
Independent	9	-	8	=	1	\$200
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE						\$500

A check for \$500 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 13, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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01 FC:1201

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02 FC:1202

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